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FROM EMBASSY

EO 11652 GDS
TAGS: SHUM, IS, US
SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO UN HUMAN
RIGHTS CONVENTION MEZVINSKY

1. FOLLOWING DISPATCH OF SUGGESTED MEZVINSKY SCHEDULE,
WE RECEIVED TELEGRAM INDICATING THAT
MEZVINSKY WOULD NOT BE STOPPING DURING HIS TRIP
IN EITHER AMMAN OR CAIRO. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE,
WE HAVE WELCOMED THIS VISIT AS A USEFUL MEANS TO
FURTHER SENSITIZE THE ISRAELIS TO OUR CONCERNS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, AND TO ESPECIALLY UNDERLINE OUR
DESIRE THAT ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BE SCRUPULOUSLY INVESTIGATED
BY THE GOI.
2. HOWEVER, OUR APPROVAL OF THE VISIT WAS PREDICATED
ON ASSUMPTION THAT MEZVINSKY WOULD BE GOING ON TO ARAB
CAPITALS AND WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE CHARGE HERE
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THAT HE WAS INTERESTED ONLY IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
IN ISRAEL. THE ISRAELIS, OF COURSE, CONTINUALLY
POINT THE FINGER AT THE UN'S ZEALOUSNESS IN INVESTIGATING
ALLEGED ISRAELI HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WHILE DISPLAYING
STUDIED INDIFFERENCE TO WHAT HAPPENS IN ARAB COUNTRIES.
THEREFORE, WE SHOULD GUESS THAT THE GOI WOULD
SEE A MEZVINSKY VISIT TO ISRAEL, WHICH WOULD NOT BE

PRECEDED OR FOLLOWED BY STOPS IN ARAB CAPITALS,
TO BE MORE OF THE SAME, THIS TIME FROM AN IMPORTANT U.S.
OFFICIAL.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS PREDICTABLE ISRAELI REACTION, WE
BELIEVE THAT MEZVINSKY'S VISIT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES
WOULD NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE AS WE WOULD WISH. THEREFORE,
WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MEZVINSKY EITHER REVERT TO HIS
ORIGINAL SCHEDULE AND INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE STOP IN
AN ARAB CAPITAL, OR POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL TO A
TIME WHEN HE COULD ALSO CALL IN AT EITHER CAIRO OR AMMAN.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. NEWLIN

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